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Community *notes*

ARTreach this Saturday

Join the Howard County Arts Council for [ARTreach](#), a free outdoor community art festival on Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Long Reach Village Center (8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia).

Enjoy music by Damon Foreman, Han Pan Korean Cultural Center, CAISO Steel Drum Band and more. Or try hands-on activities such as origami, pinatas, tie dye. Watch artists as they carve sculptures, weave fabrics into beautiful apparel, or paint one-of-kind artwork during the festival.

Parking is available at Long Reach High School with free shuttle service to and from the village center during the event.



CFA's summer festival, Cross Currents, continues this weekend with performances by [The Blind Boys of Alabama](#), [Hot Club San Francisco](#), and [Butcher Holler Here We Come](#). Sunday's events include [Sprout Films 2015](#) and [Sundance Films 2015](#) at HCC. Click [here](#) to view the schedule and purchase tickets.

I will be modeling for ManneqART at Savage Mill on Sunday. The event is free and open to the public who can observe as the creators of wearable art adorn their models. Guests can watch as models are photographed for the ManneqART annual calendar and other print materials.

Check out the CFA [website](#) for all the details.

Greeting

As hot as it's been these last couple of days, it looks like a cool down is in store for Saturday. That should make being out and about more enjoyable. Hope to see you around town.

May Kay

Meet At The People Tree

The Columbia Association presents a season of movies, concerts and more fun at its Lakefront Summer Festival. The schedule is full of free events which are family friendly and occur many evenings of the summer. Check out the lineup at CA's [webpage](#).

Movie Nights offer films such as Jurassic Park, Interstellar and The Hobbit: The Battle of The Five Armies. All showings will begin at dusk, about 8:30 p.m.

Concerts feature performers of all genres of music. Tonight's concert showcases Fast Eddie & the Slow Pokes. Concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays through August 16. The Sunday concerts in September will begin at 3 p.m.

Teen Open Mic Nights begin June 30. Sign-up begins at 6:45 p.m. and performances are first-come, first-served. No bands with drumsets will be allowed. For more information, contact CALakefrontFestival@gmail.com.

And, finally, the annual "Dancing Under the People Tree" free dance lessons begin this Friday, June 19 through September 11. Instruction with music happens from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with Tatia Zack leading dances that are fun for everyone. And when the dance session ends, the movie begins.

Community Event Hosted by CBC

Congressional Black Caucus invites the community to participate in a forum, **The American Dream on Hold: Economic Challenges in the African American Community**, on Tuesday, June 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at The University of Baltimore – Learning Commons (1415 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, 21201).

Star Glazing with HAL

On Saturday, June 27, Howard Astronomical League will host its First Light Star Party and ribbon cutting celebrating the grand opening of the Howard Astronomical League Observatory at Alpha Ridge Park. This momentous occasion is the culmination of almost 15 years of hard work by a large cadre of volunteers, donors, partners, and friends, and we're planning on celebrating with a huge family-friendly event.

Activities for all ages begin at 7:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony takes place at 7:30 p.m., and a star party and observatory tour follows and lasts until the last observer goes home.

Can You Really Tell Who Is Who?

For laughs, plan a visit to Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's current production of **The Comedy of Errors**, a rollicking tale of mix-ups involving two sets of twins. They turn a seaside town upside down with confusion. Performances take place In-the-Ruins (Patapsco Female Institute, Ellicott City) now through July 19.

Each twin is unaware that the other is in town. Local merchants and officials cannot tell which is which -- and one very determined wife is willing to go to extreme lengths to reclaim the husband who doesn't recognize her.

Director Scott Alan Small is planning a cartoon-colored and music-filled production showcasing the talents of many CSC Resident Artists, including Musical Director Scott Farquhar and Choreographer Nellie K. Glover. Whether it's your first visit or your summer tradition, come celebrate the arrival of summer with an enchanting evening in the Ruins. Click [here](#) for more information and tickets.

Vendors & Sponsors Sought for 50+EXPO

Vendor and sponsorship applications are being accepted for Howard County's 17th annual 50+EXPO, which takes place Friday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia.

The 50+EXPO is a great marketing opportunity to reach Howard County's older adults as last year's event drew more than 5,000 attendees. The County's senior population (65 and older) is projected to be 17.5% of the total population by 2025 and 21.6% by 2035. The latest American Community Survey (2013) lists the median household income of this segment as \$70,137. The 50+ EXPO is the place to be if you have a product or service for older adults.

Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis and application fees are based on exhibitor category and booth location. Vendor packets and information on sponsorship opportunities are available on the Office on Aging's [website](#). Completed applications may be faxed to 410-313-5950 or mailed to: 50+EXPO 2015, c/o Donna Tugwell, Howard County Office on Aging, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 211, Columbia, MD 21046.

This year's 50+EXPO will feature a comprehensive health fair, offering attendees a variety of screenings and flu and pneumonia vaccines. All day entertainment in the Café 50+ and two free performances by the always popular Capitol Steps round out the day's activities.

For more information about this year's 50+EXPO, visit the [website](#) or contact Lisa Coster, Event Coordinator, at 410-442-3734 (voice/relay) or via e-mail at lbcoster@costercommunications.com.

Gallery Exhibit

The Meeting House Gallery, in conjunction with The Columbia Festival of the Arts' Summer Festival, hosts "Eye Of The Beholder" now through August 8 at The Meeting House Gallery.

This exhibit features works by Ira Dwoskin, Greg Holmes, Rebecca Rothery, Diana Ulman, and Lorenzo Wilkins. These works include photography, abstract/realism, collage, acrylic paint and ceramics.

The Meeting House Gallery is located in The Oakland Mills Interfaith Center at 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD and is open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Admission to the gallery is free.

Let's Make Cheese!

Maryland Science Center invites you to discover the deliciousness and versatility of fresh cheese and yogurt at their Introduction to Cheese and Yogurt Making. This hands-on workshop will explore the science behind these popular snacks and cost-saving ways to make them at home. Participants will learn how to make two traditional cheeses, fresh yogurt, and each will leave with their own samples.

The workshop takes place on Saturday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. All supplies and museum admission are included. The workshop is designed for ages 10 and up, anyone under 16 must participate with an adult. Please call 410-545-5980 to reserve your space today.

Recognizing Outstanding Service

Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism invites the community to submit nominations for the 2015 Governor's Service Awards. This program recognizes Maryland citizens for their significant volunteer contributions to the life and health of the State and its people.

Nominated persons and organizations represent outstanding volunteer service occurring in 2014 unless being submitted for a lifetime achievement award. Service must be performed outside of the context of the nominee's paid employment and those who have been awarded since 2010 are ineligible for consideration.

The 2015 Governor's Service Award Categories are: Youth, Group/Team, Individual, National Volunteer Program, Lifetime Achievement, Corporate/Business, National Service Participant, Community of Service, AmeriCorps Alumnus/ Alumnae, Service-Learning Teacher, Faith-Based and Exemplary Service Learning.

Learn more by visiting the [Governor's Office of Service and Volunteerism](#). Submit your nomination by Thursday, June 25. Click [here](#) to complete the online submission form.

News and Event Reminders

Share Your Ideas with Howard County Police

Howard County Police invites the public to attend its Community Policing Forum on Wednesday, June 17 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School (5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia). Hosted by the Howard County Police Citizens' Advisory Council, participants will be asked their thoughts on topics such as Police Technology, Officer Training, Community Outreach Programs and Neighborhood Police Satellite Offices.

Upcoming Capital Project on Trotter Road

Howard County's Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering will continue its work on the stream bank stabilization project on Trotter Road. The road will be closed and a detour is planned. The closure is expected to last until the end of July 2015. For questions about this project or the closure, please contact the Bureau of Engineering at 410-313-2414.

A New App for Access to Your Water/Sewer Bill

Howard County Government has launched, "Howard County Utiliti," which connects county water and sewer customers with their accounts virtually. The app provides users secure access, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to water and sewer account information, as well as the option to pay bills online without incurring a convenience fee. The app can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store, Google Play and the Windows Phone Store. An online version of the customer portal can be found at <https://utiliti.howardcountymd.gov>.

Mess Fest!

The Maryland Science Center welcomes the public to a fun, way to work on science projects on Saturday, June 27, 12:00—4:00 p.m. Wear old clothes and learn to make ooey-gooley messy science projects. Visit the [webpage](#) for all the details.



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